

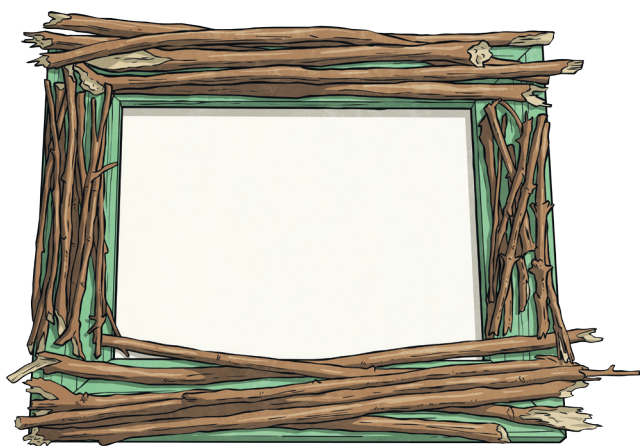
Bush Craft Challenges

Have fun in the garden by completing any of the challenges on the sheet below!

Picture Frame

Things you will need: A piece of card, a photo to go in the frame, lots of twigs and glue.

This is a fun craft to make but you may need to go for a walk to the park beforehand and collect lots of twigs to make your frame with. Start with your piece of card and glue your photo in the middle. Next begin to glue the twigs around the picture to make a frame. You may need to snap the twigs to the correct size when doing this. Layer the twigs to make a wider and thicker frame which looks very effective! Once finished and dried, the picture can be displayed inside or outside in the garden.



Tin Can Lanterns

Things you will need: Used tin cans (clean and packaging removed), a hammer, nails, tea candles or battery powered candles.

This activity should be done with an Adult. Using the hammer and a nail, make small holes in the side of the tin can to create a pattern that the light can shine through. It could be in the shape of a flower, a leaf

or something else in your garden. Once completed, you may wish to paint the tin too. Add a candle to the inside of the lamp, these can then be used in the evening to light the garden as the sun goes down.



Weaving Square

You will need: Four strong twigs of roughly equal length, lots of string and a variety of plants and leaves that you have collected.

A great activity that helps develop dexterity, fine motor skills and use of outdoor materials. Follow these instructions to help make your own weaving square.

1. Lay the twigs out in the shape of a square (the twigs will overlap at each corner). Tie each corner tightly using the string to make a square.
2. Tie a piece of string to one side of the square and then tie it to the opposite side of the square. Do this along the entire length of the side of the square so that it is full of parallel lines (it should look like the strings on a guitar or harp).
3. Weave plants and leaves within the strings to create your own nature weave.

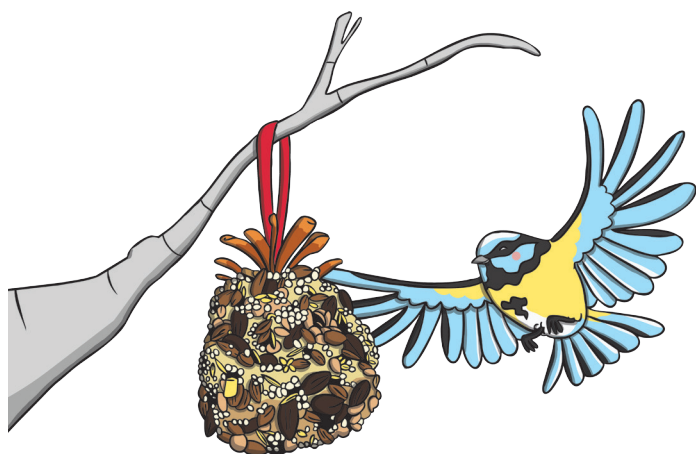
Feed the Birds

Things you will need: An empty yoghurt pot, string, scissors, a mixing bowl, lard and bird seed. (You can also add peanuts, raisins and grated seeds).

Make this easy bird feeder to encourage birds to come and feast in your garden.

1. First make a hole in the bottom of the yoghurt pot and then thread through the string. Tie a not in the string on the inside and leave enough string outside to tie the birdfeeder to a branch or fence in your garden.
2. Cut the lard into small pieces and add to a mixing bowl. Add the other ingredients and mix the together with your fingers until the fat holds it all together.
3. Fill the yoghurt pot with the bird feed mixture and then leave it in the fridge for an hour or so.
4. Hang the bird feeder in the garden and watch for birds coming to feed from it.

There are many different types of bird feeders you can make. Have a look online to find other designs that you could make.



Plant Pot Design

Things you will need: A plant pot, paints, glue, paper, stickers, seeds and soil.

Using an old plant pot, or one bought from a garden centre, design and paint your own plant pot. You may wish to add patterns, flowers, cartoons, your name... any design you can think of! Foam stickers also make a great addition when designing your own plant pot. Once you have finished your decorated plant pot, add soil and seeds and watch your plant grow.



Den Building

Things you may need: old fabrics and bed sheets, washing line, garden furniture.

Use old sheets of material (such as bed sheets), washing lines and garden furniture to build your own den. Hang the material over the furniture or washing line until you have created a den big enough to fit everyone who's built it in. You could then have a picnic in your den once it's finished!

